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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 98,541-C)**

In the Application of:	)	
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Serial No.: 09/721,096	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1743
Filing Date: November 22, 2000	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 4217
For: Removal Of Embedding Media	)	
From Biological Samples and Cell Conditioning	)	
on Automated Staining Instruments	)	

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO OCTOBER 15, 2002 OFFICIAL**  
**ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a Supplemental Reply to the October 15, 2002 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application. This Supplemental Reply replaces the Reply mailed on February 7, 2003. The Supplemental Reply is identical in most respects to the February 7, 2003 Reply except that the Supplemental Reply replaces the term "non-organic" in claims 47-49 and 53-55 with the broader term "immiscible". The Supplemental Reply also removes the density limitation from independent claim 47 and reintroduces it in new dependent claims 75 and 76. Please disregard the February 7, 2003 Reply and consider this Reply instead.

Please amend the claims of the above-captioned U.S. patent application as set forth on the following pages:

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